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In re the application of:

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For: SYSTEM FOR RELEASING AND ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title insert:

--This is a divisional of Application Serial Number 08/930,247, filed February 17, 1998, which is a 371 of PCT Application Serial No. PCT/EP96/01368, filed March 28, 1996.--

Page 4, after line 10, please insert:

--Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 and 2 show a system for the release and/or isolation of nucleic acids in accordance with the invention.

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